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Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations and Reading Comprehension Test (DPI -- Assessments and Licensing)

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CURRENT LAW

The Wisconsin knowledge and concepts examinations are currently administered in the 4th, 8th, and 10th grades in all public and charter schools in the state, to evaluate the level of knowledge attained by pupils in the areas of mathematics, science, social studies, reading and language arts/writing.

The Wisconsin reading comprehension test is administered to 3rd grade pupils in all public and charter schools in order to identify marginal readers who may need remediation, provide comparative performance data for schools, allow districts to evaluate their reading programs, and provide data for meeting federal and state requirements regarding pupil assessments.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$40,500 GPR in 2002-03 attributable to allowing schools participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program (MPCP) to administer these tests and examinations to students attending school under the program.

MODIFICATION TO BASE

Delete \$40,500 GPR in 2002-03 from pupil assessment as a change to the bill.

Explanation: The section of the bill that required each school participating in MPCP to provide notification whether it would administer the state's pupil assessments was

removed from the bill to be introduced as separate legislation. Therefore, the funding associated with this provision should also be removed.

Modification	GPR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$0
<i>[Change to Bill]</i>	<i>- \$40,500]</i>

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